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In the Application of)
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Serial No.: 09/778490) Group Art Unit: 3641
Filed: February 7, 2001) Examiner: Stephen Johnson
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) (Our File No. 5001-355)
REMOVING THE SLIDE OF A)
SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL)

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RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action Summary, dated May 13, 2002, the Examiner has found two distinct inventions claimed in the patent application. Claims 1 through 13 are drawn to Invention I for a semi-automatic, classified in class 42, subclass 7. Claims 14 through 15 are drawn to Invention II for a method for disassembling a pistol, classified in class 89, subclass 195.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1 through 13 of Invention I.

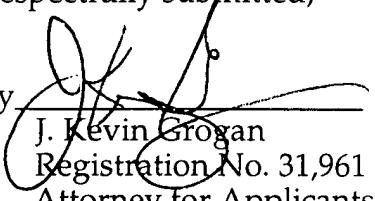
In view of this response and election, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits.

Should there be any question concerning the election of claims, the Examiner should not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Applicants believe no fee is due for this Response, however, should there be any deficiency in fees associated with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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